

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Jean-Luc Nougaret et al.

Serial No. 09/823,441

Filed: March 30, 2001

For: **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR  
PRODUCING A COORDINATED  
GROUP ANIMATION BY MEANS OF  
OPTIMUM STATE FEEDBACK, AND  
ENTERTAINMENT APPARATUS  
USING THE SAME**



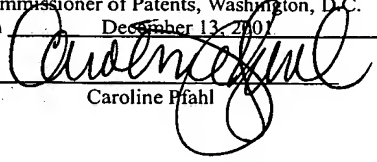
Group Art Unit: 2671

Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT  
IN RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO  
FILE MISSING PARTS OF  
NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION**

**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING**

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Sir:

Applicant respectfully submits this preliminary amendment in response to the Notice to File Missing Parts dated May 17, 2001. A Petition for a Five Month Extension of Time is enclosed herewith.

**AMENDMENT**

Please amend the above identified application as follows:

**In The Specification:**

Please make the following amendments to page 8, line 1 through page 10, line 4:

[Fig. 6 is a diagram illustrating an example of a run-time coordination algorithm according to the present invention;]

Fig. 6[7]A is a graph illustrating the performance index of a system according to the present invention as a function of the frame number, which corresponds to the elapsed time,